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UNDER SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Dear Sir/Madam,

This is to deny your refund request in the amount of \$36.00, for patent/serial number 10629172.

There are 27 claims, minus 7 allowed you were charged for $7 \times 18 = 126.00 See attached claim paper. The ones circled are inproper due to wording.

Sincerely,

ELEANOR KURTZ Technical Center Others Refund Branch, Office of Finance